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Serial No.: 10/691,939)	Examiner:
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For: ROBOTIC APPARATUS FOR PAINTING)	
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Honorable Sir:

Pursuant to Sections 1.97 and 1.98 of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations, record is hereby made of published prior art which the United States Patent and Trademark Office may wish to consider during examination of the above-entitled application. No representation is made or intended that a prior art search was conducted, or that no better art than that listed is available.

U.S. Patent Documents - No., Date, Name

4,932,589	Jun. 12, 1990	Diana
5,293,911	Mar. 15, 1994	Akeel
5,367,944	Nov. 29, 1994	Akeel et al.

Foreign Patent Documents - No., Date, Country

0 693 319 Jan. 24, 1996 European

Publications - Author, Title, Date, Pages, Place

None

The relevance of the U.S. Patent No. 5,367,944 is discussed in Applicants' specification at page 8. The remaining above-mentioned references were cited in a PCT International Search Report, a copy of which is enclosed. The relevance of the U.S. Patent No. 5,293,911, cited in the Report, is also discussed in Applicants' specification at page 3.

Commonly assigned and co-pending Application Serial No. 10/691,763, filed on October 23, 2003, claims the benefit of the same three provisional patent applications as does the above-entitled application.

The above-identified patent references were cited in a PCT International Search Report, a copy of which is enclosed. Applicants' file reference number and the International application number listed on the ISR correspond to the PCT application related to the above-identified co-pending U.S. application. However, Applicants believe that the European Patent Office confused the two applications since the subject matter of the cited documents and the numbers of the claims clearly relate to the PCT application corresponding to the above-entitled application.

A copy of the foreign reference is enclosed herewith along with Form PTO-1449. It is requested that each of the references be fully considered and made of record in this case.

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